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Amendments to the Claims:

There are no claim amendments in this response.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-21 are pending for examination.

Claims 22-31 were cancelled as being non-elected claims.

Claims 1, 10 and 16 are in independent form.

1. (Previously Presented) A media handling system for an image forming device configured with a primary media path and a duplex media path, the media handling system comprising:  
a media feeder positioned adjacent to one side of the image forming device and configured to input print media into the duplex media path of the image forming device, and the media feeder being positioned to not be part of the duplex media path.
2. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the duplex media path is a substantially horizontal media path.
3. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the media feeder is configured to automatically input non-imaged media into the duplex media path of the image forming device.
4. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the media feeder includes a high-capacity media storage unit to store a quantity of media.
5. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the media feeder is configured to be detachably mounted to the one side of the image forming device.
6. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a media output unit configured to be positioned adjacent to the one side of the image forming device to receive media discharged from the image forming device.

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7. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 6 wherein the media feeder and the media output unit are configured to be vertically-stacked to reduce a footprint of the image forming device.

8. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 6 wherein the media feeder and the media output unit are integral within a housing.

9. (Original) The media handling system as set forth in claim 6 wherein the media output unit includes a media finishing device.

10. (Previously Presented) A media handling apparatus for inputting non-imaged media into an image forming device having a primary media path along which an image is formed on a print media, the handling apparatus comprising:

a return media path configured to selectively receive imaged print media from the primary media path and return the imaged media to the primary media path for multiple imaging;

a media input unit configured for attachment to one side of the image forming device to input non-imaged media into the return media path of the image forming device, where the media input unit is positioned where the return media path does not return the imaged media across the media input unit during duplex printing; and

a media output unit for receiving imaged media discharged from the primary media path, the media output unit being configured for attachment to the one side of the image forming device and stacked above the media input unit.

11. (Original) The media handling apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the return media path is a substantially horizontal path.

12. (Original) The media handling apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the media input unit further comprises a media storage unit to store a quantity of non-imaged media.

13. (Original) The media handling apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the media output unit includes a media finishing device.

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14. (Original) The media handling apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the media input unit is configured to be detachably mounted to the one side of the image forming device.

15. (Original) The media handling apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the media input unit and the media output unit are integral within a common housing.

16. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a housing having at least one wall;

an image forming unit provided within the housing for forming an image onto print media;

a media storage unit configured to store a supply of non-imaged print media;

a primary media path for carrying print media to the image forming unit for imaging;

a duplex media path configured to receive imaged print media from the primary media path and return the imaged print media to the primary media path for duplex imaging where the returned imaged media is not returned to the media storage unit during the duplex imaging; and

the duplex media path being configured to receive non-imaged print media from the media storage unit and to input the non-imaged print media to the primary media path for imaging.

17. (Original) The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 16 further comprising a media output unit positioned to receive imaged print media discharged from the primary media path where the media storage unit and the media output unit are stacked to reduce a footprint of the image forming apparatus.

18. (Original) The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 16 further including a media feeder to feed the non-imaged print media from the media storage unit to the duplex media path.

19. (Original) The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 17 whercin the media storage unit and the media output unit are contained within a common housing.

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20. (Original) The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 16 wherein the media output unit includes a media finishing unit.

21. (Original) The image forming apparatus as set forth in claim 16 further comprising logic to determine whether print media is inputted into the primary media path or the duplex media path.

22. – 31. (Cancelled).